

Together for Quality Milestones

Outcome I: Develop stakeholder consensus and capacity to maintain a broad base of support for <i>Together for Quality</i> implementation to assure long term sustainability.			
OBJECTIVES, TASKS AND ACTIVITIES	FY 2007	FY 2008	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)
1. Identify champions and key stakeholders for Stakeholder Council; establish membership, form workgroups	February –March, 2007		ALMA Sponsor Team (AST), & Project Director (PD)
a. Develop operating rules	3/8/07		Steering Committee (SC) All Workgroups (WGs), AST & PD
b. Elect Co-chairs	3/8/07		All WGs and SC
c. Create Workgroup Charters and Workplan	February -March, 2007		All WGs and SC, Sponsor Team, AST & PD
d. Develop consensus, generate vision, mission, and value statements, create an initial framework for the Alabama Roadmap	3/8/07-3/9/07		All WGs, eHI Consultants, AST & PD
e. Reach consensus on initial governance, technical, privacy, and security policies.	March-June 2007		All WGs and SC, AST & PD
f. Sample survey of AL health information technology use using eHI Organization Assessment Tool (OAT)	March 2007		Technical WG, AST & PD
g. Conduct market characteristic assessment using AHIMA FORE worksheet	March 2007		Technical WG; AST & PD
h. Develop RFI	February-April 2007		Project Director, Finance, Technical, and Clinical WGs
i. Complete appropriate business associate agreements and other required legal documents among partners	May 2007		Privacy WG; AST & PD
j. Research governance models and lessons learned; reach consensus on a sustainable governance model for long term sustainability, prepare task list for model implementation,		January 2008	AST & PD, SC, Policy assisted by all other Workgroups as needed for

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and implement prior to October 2008 along with related legal policies.			research
Outcome II: A data-driven outcomes focused quality improvement pilot will be in place with documentation of selected measure improvement of at least 4 percentage points from the baseline by August 2008			
1. Provide overview for Stakeholder Council of a general understanding of TFQ, Pt 1 st Profiling, InfoSolutions, and ePrescribing capabilities.	3/8/07		AST & PD
2. Sample survey of medical home providers to determine value and use of current electronic access to existing data; inform Stakeholder Council Clinical Workgroup of results.	3/8/07		AST; staff of Pt 1 st and Communications & Education
3. The initial claims-based, electronic health record (EHR) database for use by medical home providers in will be populated by June 2007.	June 07		AST & PD, Partners, Technical WG
4. Medicaid non-pharmacy claims data and laboratory results will be added to the database.	March-April 2007		AST & PD and Technical WG
5. Explore feasibility of expanding database by importing additional lab data from hospitals' labs	June 07		AST & PD and Technical WG
6. The ALMA quality improvement organizational structure will be in place by February 2007 and high risk case management protocols developed by May 2007 for implementation by July 2007	2/07-7/07		AST & PD, ALMA Medical Director
7. Evidence based quality measures will be selected by May 2007	5/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD
8. Baseline data determined	6/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD
9. Algorithms and tools will be created by July 2007	7/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD
10. QI process initiated and results reviewed.	7/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD
11. A 30% ECST saturation of the ALMA medical home providers will be obtained by June 2007	6/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD, assisted by the SC, other WGs & other provider stakeholders
12. Enhance, test ECST	9/07		Clinical WG,

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			AST & PD
13. Develop promotional and distribution plan for ECST	9/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD assisted by the SC and Policy WG
14. Conduct statewide discussion forums with medical home providers	10/07		Clinical WG, AST & PD
15. Distribute the ECST to selected sample of medical home providers and assure connectivity.	10/07		Clinical & Technical WGs, AST & PD
16. Provide onsite technical assistance and education and support for ECST medical home providers	Ongoing		Clinical & Technical WGs, AST & PD
17. Obtain 50% ECST saturation of medical home providers by end of Grant Year two		9/08	Clinical & Technical WG, AST & PD
Outcome III: A statewide, shared interoperable health information system will be in place and successfully utilized by the ALMA and at least one other HHS agency by October 2008.			
1. A statewide, central, shared interoperable information system will be in place by March 2008.		3/08	Technical and other WGs as needed; AST & PD
2. Identify participating HHS agency	<June, 2007		AST & PD
a. Establish parameters for agency choice	3/8/07		Privacy WG; AST & PD
b. Recommend agency	<June, 2007		Stakeholder Council
3. Release Request for Information (RFI)	4/2/07		AST & PD
4. Respond to questions with at least weekly post of all Q & A's on the ALMA website	April 2007		AST & PD; all WGs as needed
5. Review RFI responses	May 2007		AST & PD; Technical, Clinical, Finance WGs
6. Prepare and initiate RFP or ITB process	June 2007		AST & PD; Technical, Clinical, Finance WGs
7. Establish the ALAHIS operating environment		3/08	AST & PD; Technical, Clinical, Finance WGs
a. Design communication linkages between the participating			

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<p>partners</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implement communication linkages between the participating partners b. Develop common identifier algorithm and create Master Patient Index for all patients/clients served by partners c. Establish representative data validation and integrity enhancement processing d. Populate database to support transactions among partners e. Implement transaction mapping to support care management and related services among partners. 			
8. Pilot ALAHIS utilization by the ALMA and one other HHS agency by May 2008		5/08	AST & PD assisted by the partner HHS agency staff; all WGs as needed
9. Develop a process, in partnership with Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and hospital emergency rooms to create health records for uninsured individuals.		3/08	Clinical and Technical WGs; AST & PD assisted by APHCA and ALAHA
10. Identify opportunities for data sharing improvement and interventions by March 2008		3/08	Clinical and Technical WGs; AST & PD
11. Evaluate interoperability and user acceptance by August 2008.		8/08	Clinical and Technical WGs; AST & PD
12. Develop web portal access for the public, providers and agencies to establish an emergency/disaster response for privately and securely exchanging healthcare and demographic data to assure that appropriate health and human services are provided/received as needed.		8/08	Technical WG; Governor's Task Force for Strengthening Alabama's Families, AST & PD
13. Opportunities for improvement and intervention will be identified	Ongoing		AST & PD; WGs as needed
14. Interventions implemented by end of August 2008 as needed		8/08	AST & PD; WGs as needed

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15. Develop the project evaluation plan before the end of June 2008, submit quarterly reports, and finalize final evaluation report for timely submission to CMS by December 2008		12/08	Project Director & AST; Together for Quality Evaluation Team
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